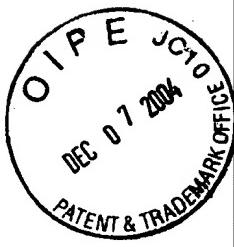


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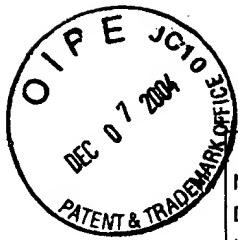
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Sir:

Applicant responds in this to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment mailed on November 29, 2004. The PTO asserts that the wrong status identifiers were used for certain claims in Applicant's Office Action Response mailed on October 14, 2004, which was filed in response to a Final Office Action dated September 9, 2004.

The following pages constitute a resubmission of Applicant's response with this error fixed. Applicant however does not resubmit the Information Disclosure Statement also mailed on October 14, 2004, as it is assumed that that paper is fully compliant and has been entered. As this resubmission is within 3-month of the date set for response to the office action, it is not believed that any extension of time or other fees are due. ***However, should any fees be due, this Office is authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account no. 501922, referencing attorney docket 102-0072US-4.***

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.



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This paper responds to the non-final office action dated September 9, 2004. As this response is filed within the three-month period for response, it is believed that no extension of time fees or other fees are due. However, should any fees be due, this Office is authorized to deduct any necessary fees from Deposit Account No. 501922, referencing docket number 102-0072US-4.

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